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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

Subject: Release of Intelligence to the Operations Research Office

1. The enclosed memorandum from the Chairman of the USIB Committee on Documentation is forwarded for Board consideration.
2. Memorandum forwards a request from Army for review of USIB policy with respect to selected release of NIEs and SNIEs to the Operations Research Office (ORO) of Johns Hopkins University.
3. This matter will be placed on the agenda of an early meeting of the Board, probably that of 28 June 1960.



Colonel, USAF
Deputy Executive Secretary

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COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTATION

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Chairman, United States Intelligence Board

SUBJECT : Release of Intelligence to the Operations
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REFERENCES : (a) USIB-D-39. 5/2 of 10 Nov 59, Attachment B
(b) USIB-M-79, 4 Feb 60, item 11
(c) Army CRD ltr to ACSI dated 27 April 1960
(d) ACSI ltr to CODIB dated 10 May 1960

ENCLOSURE : A. References (c) and (d)

1. Reference (a) is the agreement for implementing the policy statement on release of intelligence to contractors of USIB organizations, developed by the Committee on Documentation and concurred in by the Board on 10 November 1959.

2. This agreement contains a list of exceptions to the general policy, identifying specific intelligence materials which will not be released to intelligence contractors without the permission of the originating agency. Included in this list in para. 3. j. (4) are National Intelligence Estimates and Special National Intelligence Estimates.

3. As the originating agency for NIEs and SNIEs, the Board agreed, as stated in reference (b), that such reports should not be released to contractors, but that USIB principals could make elements of information available to contractors on a need-to-know basis, without attribution except to the principal concerned. This item arose from an Air Force request to release NIE 11-5-59 to RAND Corporation.

4. The Chief of Research and development, Department of the Army, has requested a reconsideration of this policy. Specifically, a request was forwarded to the USIB Committee on Documentation via ACSI for selected release under proper safeguards of NIEs and SNIEs to the Operations Research Office (ORO) [REDACTED]
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5. The USIB Committee on Documentation considered this request on 13 June. Representatives of State, Defense, Navy, Air Force and NSA were opposed to any release which preserved the identification of the estimates as NIEs. Representatives of the Army, the Joint Staff and CIA favored selected release with attribution.

6. It is the view of those recommending release that there exist a few organizations, of which ORO is one, that are not only playing an increasing role in the national security process but are, in fact, in the intelligence business themselves. Their contributions to the intelligence community would be enhanced by their inclusion in a special release category; in fact, the Army representative stated that several ORO studies, prepared prior to the establishment of reference (a), could not have been completed without information from NIEs and SNIEs. The continuing need-to-know of ORO differs from the ad hoc need-to-know of the majority of contractors and warrants being considered an exception to the general policy of non-release of NIEs to contractors.

7. Implementation of an agreement in principle to release should be preceded by certification by the USIB Committee on Security that ORO is in fact capable of giving NIEs proper security safeguards. Release of specific NIEs could be on recommendation by the Army member of USIB and considered at the same time that releases to USIA or to foreign governments are considered.

8. Recommendation

That the USIB consider and rule upon the Army request to loan selected NIEs to ORO on a strictly controlled basis.

(Signed)
PAUL A. BOREL
Chairman
USIB Committee on Documentation

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